

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

MASONRY SECURITY PLAN OF
WASHINGTON et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BRIAN SCOTT HALLIN and SARAH
LEA HALLIN,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:22-cv-00218-LK

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

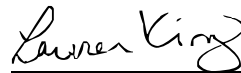
This matter comes before the Court sua sponte. There has been no activity of record in this case since the Clerk's entry of default as to Defendants Brian Scott Hallin and Sara Lea Hallin on June 13, 2022. Dkt. No. 10.

Plaintiffs have a general duty to prosecute their claims, *see Fid. Phila. Tr. Co. v. Pioche Mines Consol., Inc.*, 587 F.2d 27, 29 (9th Cir. 1978), and they fail to fulfill this duty when they do not litigate their case, *see, e.g., Spesock v. U.S. Bank*, NA, No. C18-0092-JLR, 2018 WL 5825439, at *3 (W.D. Wash. Nov. 7, 2018). "[T]o prevent undue delays in the disposition of pending cases and to avoid congestion in the calendars of the District Courts," federal courts may exercise their

1 inherent power to dismiss a case sua sponte for failure to prosecute. *Link v. Wabash R. Co.*, 370
2 U.S. 626, 629–31 (1962).

3 The Court thus ORDERS Plaintiffs to show cause why the case should not be dismissed
4 for failure to prosecute within 21 days of this Order. Failure to respond will result in dismissal of
5 the case without prejudice.

6 Dated this 12th day of January, 2023.

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Lauren King
9 United States District Judge
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